GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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OUTLAY FOR ST POPULATION
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has asked States to prepare exclusive annual plan to spend the outlay earmarked for the ST population; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R KYNDIAH)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has asked the Governments of 22 States and 2 UT Administrations to prepare a Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes as a part of their Annual Plan. The concerned State Governments and UT Administrations have also been asked to follow the guidelines issued by the Planning Commission in 2005 for formulation and implementation of TSP which, inter alia stated that i.) allocation of funds under TSP should be at least in proportion to the ST population of the State/ UT; ii.) a separate Budget Head/ Sub-Head for TSP (Code 796) should be provided; iii.) Tribal Welfare Department of the State should act as nodal department for planning and finance for tribal areas and development of STs; iv.) the entire TSP budget should be placed at the disposal of such nodal Department and v.) funds provision made under TSP should be made non-divertible and non-lapsable so that it is spent on schemes/ programmes exclusively for the welfare of the Scheduled Tribes.